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SUBJECT: JAPANESE OIL CONSUMPTION RESTRICTION PLANS

1. FOLLOWING IS TABLE WHICH WAS GIVEN TO SECRETARY
BY MITI MINISTER NAKASONE DURING THEIR MEETING
ON NOVEMBER 15. TABLE SHOWS THE EFFECT ON JAPANESE RESERVE
OIL STOCKS, IF CONSUMPTION CONTROL PLANS OF VARYING SEVERITY
ARE USED.

BEGIN TABLE.

TYPES OF OIL CONSUMPTION RESTRICTION:

CASE 1 - NO RESTRICTION (ON OIL CONSUMPTION)

CASE 2 - ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE (10 PERCENT CUT FROM DEC
TO MARCH)

CASE 3 - ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE (10 PERCENT CUT IN DEC.,
15 PERCENT FROM JAN TO MARCH)

CASE 4 - RESTRICTION ON ALL FIELDS (INCLUDING
HOUSEHOLD USE) (5 PERCENT CUT IN DEC., 10 PERCENT CUT
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FROM JAN TO MARCH)

CASE 5 - RESTRICTION ON ALL FIELDS (INCLUDING
HOUSEHOLD USE) 10 PERCENT CUT IN DEC., 15 PERCENT FROM
JAN TO MARCH)

OIL RESERVES IN TERMS OF DAYS:

CASE	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
1	57	50	44	38	32
2	57	52	47	42	38
3	57	52	48	44	40
4	57	53	49	45	42
5	57	54	52	50	48

(REFERENCE)

A. 15.4 PERCENT DECREASE OF CRUDE OIL IMPORT IN THE SECOND
HALF OF JFY 1973 IS ASSUMED.

B. CRUDE OIL RESERVES SUFFICIENT FOR 28 DAYS, PROCESSED AND
SEMI-PROCESSED PRODUCT RESERVES FROM 31 DAYS, FOR A TOTAL OF
59 DAYS IN THE END OF LAST SEPT.

C. DECREASE IN OIL RESERVES SUFFICIENT FOR TWO DAYS IN
NOVEMBER IS ASSUMED.

D. THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE DECREASE IN OIL RESERVES (IN TERMS
OF DAYS) IS 10 DAYS OF CRUDE OIL, 10 DAYS OF PROCESSED AND
SEMI-PROCESSED PRODUCTS, FOR A TOTAL OF 20 DAYS. THE
MINIMUM RESERVES CALCULATED IS 39 DAYS. HOWEVER, SHORTAGES
OF SOME PROCESSED AND SEMI-PROCESSED PRODUCTS WILL BE
BROUGHT ABOUT EVEN EARLIER. END TABLE.

2. EMBASSY UNCERTAIN AS TO MEANING OF FIRST PART OF REFERENCE
NOTE (D) ABOVE. HOWEVER, NAKASONE INDICATED DURING MEETING
WITH THE SECRETARY AND VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HOGEN
CONFIRMED TO THE AMBASSADOR ON NOV 16 THAT GOJ WOULD NOT
PERMIT LEVEL OF ITS RESERVES TO FALL BELOW 40 DAYS. HOGEN
ALSO INDICATED THAT GOJ NOW PLANNED TO FOLLOW CASE NO 3
ABOVE, I.E. THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE, TO CUT PETROLEUM
CONSUMPTION BY 10 PERCENT IN DECEMBER, AND 15 PERCENT
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FROM JANUARY THROUGH MARCH.
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